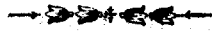


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## A Bill,

In addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States."



1    Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*  
2    *the United States of America, in congress assembled, That during*  
3    the continuance of the act entitled "An act laying an embargo on  
4    all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,"  
5    no ship, vessel or boat of any description whatever, owned by citi-  
6    zens of the United States, and which is neither registered, licensed  
7    or possessed of a sea letter, shall be allowed to depart from any  
8    port of the United States, or shall receive a clearance; nor shall any  
9    foreign vessel be allowed to depart from any port of the United  
10   States with a cargo destined for another port of the United States,  
11   or shall receive a clearance for that purpose, until the owner or  
12   owners, consignee or factors of such American or foreign vessel,  
13   shall, with the master, give bond, with one or more sureties to the

14 United States, in case of a vessel owned by citizens of the United  
 15 States, in a sum double the value of the vessel and cargo, and in  
 16 that of a foreign vessel four times the value of the vessel and car-  
 17 go, that the vessel shall not proceed to any foreign port or place,  
 18 and that the cargo shall be relanded in some port of the United  
 19 States: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful and sufficient, in the case  
 20 of any such American vessel, whose employment has uniformly been  
 21 confined to rivers, bays, sounds and lakes, within the jurisdiction  
 22 of the United States, to give bond in an amount equal to three hun-  
 23 dred dollars for each ton of said vessel, with condition, that such  
 24 vessel shall not be employed in any foreign trade during the time  
 25 limited in the condition of the bond.

1    *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted*, That no bond shall be required  
 2 of boats not being masted, or if masted, not being decked, whose  
 3 employment has been, and shall continue to be confined to rivers,  
 4 bays and sounds, within the jurisdiction of the United States, and  
 5 lying within districts which are not adjacent to the territories, colo-  
 6 nies, or provinces of a foreign nation, whether such boats be licensed  
 7 or not, and unless in the opinion of the secretary of the treasury,  
 8 such bond be necessary, and in case the secretary shall deem such  
 9 bond necessary, it shall be lawful and sufficient for the owner of  
 10 the boat, to give bond in an amount equal to thirty dollars for each  
 11 ton of said boat, with condition that such boat shall not be employed  
 12 in any foreign trade during the continuance of the act entitled "An  
 13 act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and  
 14 harbors of the United States."

1    Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in every case where a  
 2    bond hath been or shall be given, to the United States, under this  
 3    act, or under the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo, on all  
 4    ships and vessels, in the ports and harbours of the United States,"  
 5    or under the act supplementary to the last mentioned act, with con-  
 6    dition that certain goods, wares and merchandise, or the cargo of a  
 7    vessel shall be relanded in some port of the United States; the par-  
 8    ty or parties to such bond shall, within four months after the date  
 9    of the same, produce to the collector of the port, from which the  
 10   vessel had been cleared with such goods, wares, merchandise or  
 11   cargo, a certificate of the relanding of the same, from the collector  
 12   of the proper port, on failure whereof the bond shall be put in suit,  
 13   and in every such suit judgment shall be given against the defend-  
 14   ant or defendants, unless proof shall be produced of such relanding,  
 15   or of loss by sea, or by capture, or other unavoidable accident.

1    Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful to  
 2    export from the United States, in any manner whatever, any goods,  
 3    wares or merchandise of foreign or domestic growth or manufac-  
 4    ture, and if any goods, wares, or merchandise shall, during the  
 5    continuance of the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all  
 6    ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States,"  
 7    and of the act supplementary to the last mentioned act, contrary to  
 8    the prohibitions of this act, be exported from the United States,  
 9    either by land or water, the vessel, boat, raft, cart, waggon, sleigh,  
 10   or other carriage, in which the same shall have been exported, shall  
 11   together with the tackle, apparel, horses, mules and oxen, be forfeit-

12 ed, and the owner or owners of such goods, wares or merchandise,  
13 and every other person knowingly concerned in such prohibited  
14 exportation, shall each respectively forfeit and pay a sum not ex-  
15 ceeding ten thousand dollars for every such offence: *Provided how-*  
16 *ever,* That nothing in this section contained, shall be construed to  
17 prevent foreign vessels from departing from the ports of the United  
18 States with the cargo or cargoes which may be on board of the  
19 same, when notified of the act laying an embargo on all ships and  
20 vessels, in the ports and harbours of the United States, in confor-  
21 mity with the provisions of the said act, nor to take away any  
22 power conferred on the president by the last mentioned act, nor to  
23 prevent foreign vessels from furnishing themselves with necessary  
24 provisions and sea stores for the voyage, nor fishing vessels from  
25 departing with sea stores, salt, and their usual fishing tackle and  
26 apparel, in the manner prescribed by the act supplementary to the  
27 aforesaid act.

1 Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That on the return into the  
2 United States of any fishing vessel, such as is described by the  
3 second section of the act, supplementary to the act, entitled "An  
4 act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and  
5 harbours of the United States," which shall have sailed subsequent  
6 to the passage of the last mentioned acts, it shall be the duty of the  
7 master and mate to declare, on oath or affirmation, before the col-  
8 lector, whether any part of the fishing fare has been sold during  
9 the voyage, and in default of taking such oath or affirmation, the  
10 master and mate shall each respectively forfeit and pay one hun-  
11 dred dollars.

1    Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That all penalties and forfeit-  
2 ures, incurred by force of this act, shall be sued for, recovered,  
3 distributed and accounted for in the manner prescribed by the act,  
4 entitled “An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and  
5 tonnage,” passed the second day of March, one thousand seven  
6 hundred and ninety-nine, and may be mitigated or remitted, in the  
7 manner prescribed by the act, entitled “An act to provide for mi-  
8 tigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties and disabilities accru-  
9 ing in certain cases therein mentioned, passed the third of March,  
10 one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and made perpetual  
11 by an act passed the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hun-  
12 dred.